

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WILL THE DETROIT NEWSPAPER AGENCY PLEASE COME TO THE BARGAINING TABLE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, 333 days ago more than 2,000 union employees of the Detroit Newspaper Agency were forced to strike after the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press refused to bargain with them in good faith. In the 5 years before the strike, the relevant unions conceded to management demands to eliminate nearly 1,000 jobs and gave up countless pay raises to help make these newspapers profitable, but this profit only made the newspapers eager for more.

When these papers began to earn more than \$1 million per week, instead of using this money to rehire workers and restore pay raises to the workers who made it possible, they said it was time for more sacrifices.

Today, the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press are losing almost \$5 million per week because of reaction to their antiworker business tactics, but the newspapers claim that they no longer need the striking workers. Even though the NLRB has issued two unfair labor practice complaints against the Detroit newspaper for their bad faith bargaining and unilateral imposition of changes in working conditions, they refuse to even begin negotiating with the unions.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in reexamining the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970 which sanctions, joint operating agreements, like the one under which the Detroit newspapers operate. The joint operating agreement gives the combined Detroit News and Detroit Free Press a powerful weapon against the unions by providing them limited antitrust immunity for the purpose of combining certain operations, such as printing and other production operations.

Before the workers were forced to strike, the Detroit Newspaper Agency earned \$56 million in 1 year; this year, with the workers striking, they are expected to lose \$250 million. It is clear that Gannett and Knight-Ridder are willing to sacrifice their economic well-being in order to gain the upper hand in labor-management relations. I urge the Detroit Newspaper Agency to please come to the bargaining table and end this impasse.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. FRANK FOUREZ, JR.

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable accomplishment. On

June 29, 1996, Frank and Lawanda Bea Fourez of Christopher, IL, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. I refer to this as an accomplishment because anyone that has been married knows the work involved in maintaining this blessed institution. It requires love, patience, and above all, a devotion to your mate to supersede all else. I want to personally congratulate the Fourez on reaching this milestone, as well as send my best to their large and undoubtedly proud family.

It seems that Frank and Lawanda Bea understand devotion. Just 20 and 16 when they wed, the couple has spent over two-thirds of their lives together. Since their union they have witnessed the fallout from a world war, the beginning and end of the cold war, and all of the trials and tribulations of a young Nation taking on the challenges of world leadership and its own civil harmony. And through all of these monumental changes, their life together has been incredibly consistent. They have relied on the staples of family and community, living in Christopher for all 50 years. The Fourezs had seven children, and are enjoying a bounty of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, currently numbering 16. Loyalty is a way of life, as Frank worked as a sales manager for Central Wholesale Liquor Co. in Mt. Vernon for 35 years before retiring.

Mr. Speaker, it takes truly special people to persevere and thrive throughout a 50-year relationship. The Fourez family clearly is an example that our entire Nation can look to in terms of family values and the vital place of a loving family in our society. I wish Frank and Lawanda Bea limitless joy while they celebrate this occasion and many more years of happiness. It is an honor to represent them in the U.S. Congress.

TRIBUTE TO CAPT. ROBERT J. PLANTE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has served and led his country in the Navy for over 28 years. Capt. Robert J. Plante, who began his career as a naval aviator in February 1968, is now retiring as commanding officer of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Monterey, CA, a position he assumed in 1992.

Captain Plante has led a distinguished life. He graduated from the University of Illinois/Illinois Institute of Technology in 1966 with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering and political science. By 1973 he had not only completed naval flight training but also became an aircraft commander at the Naval Air Station in Brunswick, ME, and successfully completed his masters degree in meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School.

For the following 9 years after graduation, Captain Plante served his country at numer-

ous Navy bases around the world. He earned such titles as officer in charge, Naval Weather Service Environmental Detachment for the Midway Islands; command duty officer and aviation division officer at Fleet Weather Control at Norfolk, VA; meteorological officer aboard the USS *Saratoga*, and finally, from 1979 to 1981, officer in charge, Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, Keflavik, Iceland.

In the ensuing years Captain Plante continued to move up in both rank and duties. After his graduation from the Naval War College in Newport, RI in 1982 he became the commander of the Naval Oceanography Command. Two years later he was assigned to commanding officer of the Naval Oceanography Command Facility at Bay St. Louis, MS. For the following 3 years Captain Plante distinguished himself as Division Director for the Oceanographer of the Navy, Division Director for Welfare Systems Engineering Policy and Standards at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Oceanography Command Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center at Guam, and finally in August 1990 he assumed his duties as Chief of Staff for the Commander at Naval Oceanography Command.

Captain Plante is the distinguished recipient of the Legion of Merit Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with a gold star. The Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal. Along with these esteemed awards Captain Plante has also been prestigiously recognized as "Fellow" in the American Meteorological Society.

The above list of titles and awards which Captain Plante holds is only a part of the reason for this tribute to a great man. His constant drive to succeed, his continued push to assume more responsibilities, and his outstanding leadership qualities are the main reasons we recognize him today. I know I am speaking for all of my constituents to say that we are lucky to have benefited from Captain Plante's service to his country.

REMARKS HONORING TROY CHAMBER PRESIDENT ROY E. CARLSON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and pleasure to recognize Roy E. Carlson for his years of service to the chambers of commerce in Ohio and Michigan. Roy has been with the Troy Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years, and with his previous experience, has been professionally associated with the chamber for a total of 30 years. He has decided to retire at the end of this month. Though all of us who know Roy are happy for him for his upcoming retirement, we know his shoes will be hard to fill.

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